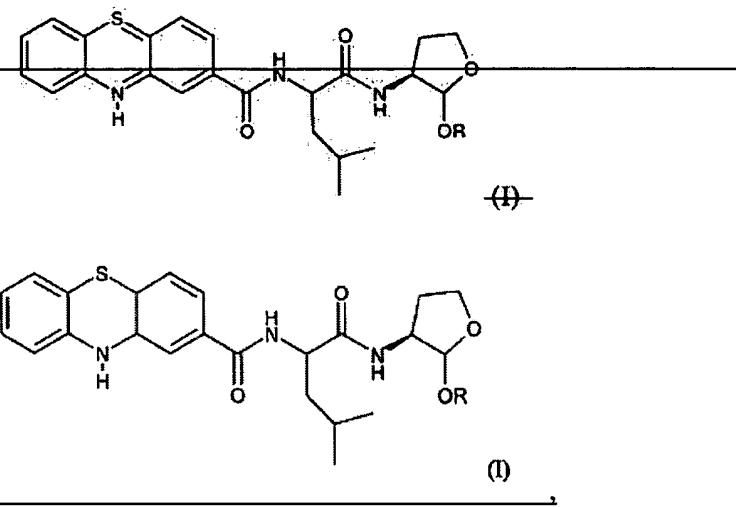


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of A method of preventing and/or treating hearing loss comprising administering a heterocyclic derivative corresponding to the formula~~



~~in the form of diastereoisomers of derivative (I), or any combinations thereof of these forms, in which wherein R represents is a hydrogen atom, a (C₁-C₆) alkyl, aryl alkyl or -C(O)R' radical~~

~~in which wherein R' represents is a heterocycloalkyl, (C₁-C₆) alkyl, aryl or aralkyl radical; the alkyl, aryl or heterocycloalkyl radicals being optionally substituted by one or more identical or different substituants chosen from substituents including: (C₁-C₆) alkyl, hydroxy, (C₁-C₆) alkoxy, nitro, cyano, halogen or -NR₁R₂;~~

~~R₁ and R₂ represent, are independently, a hydrogen atom or an (C₁-C₆)alkyl radical, or R₁ and R₂ form together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached an optionally substituted heterocycle;~~

~~for the preparation of a medicament intended to prevent and/or treat hearing loss.~~

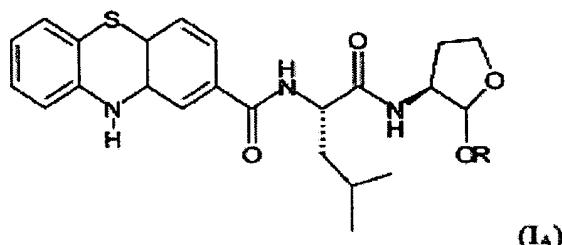
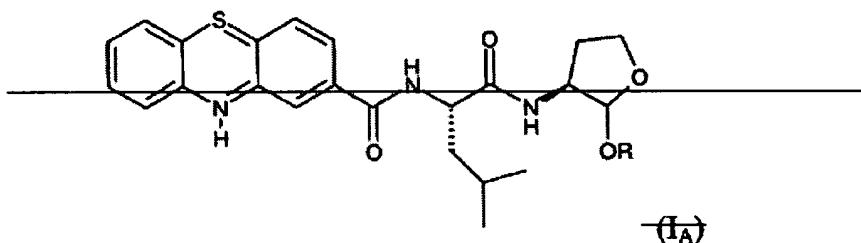
2. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to The method of claim 1, characterized in that wherein R represents is -C(O)R'.~~

3. (Currently Amended) Use according to The method of claim 2, characterized in that wherein R' represents is an alkyl radical.

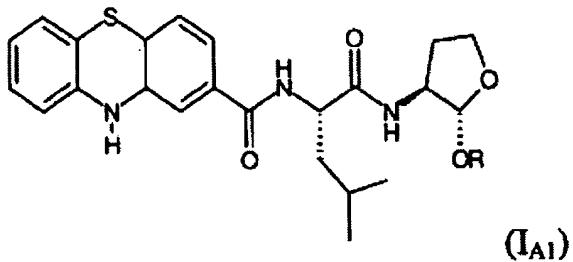
4. (Currently Amended) Use according to The method of claim 3, characterized in that wherein R represents is -C(O)-CH₃.

5. (Currently Amended) Use according to The method of claim 1, characterized in that wherein R represents is hydrogen.

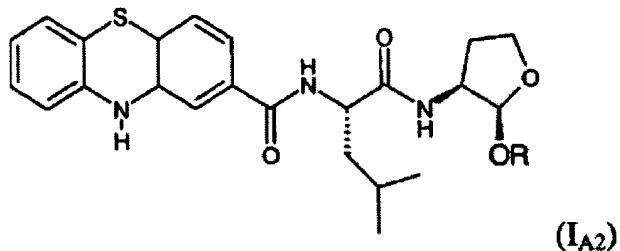
6. (Currently Amended) Use according to one of the preceding claims The method of claim 1, characterized in that wherein the compound derivative (I) has the formula



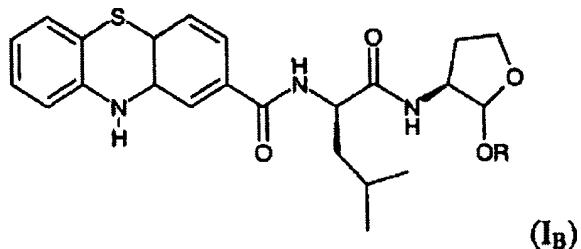
7. (Currently Amended) Use according to The method of claim 6 1, characterized in that wherein the compound derivative (I) has the formula



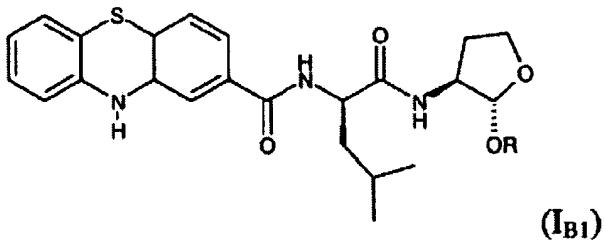
8. (Currently Amended) Use according to The method of claim 6 1, characterized in that wherein the compound derivative (I) has the formula



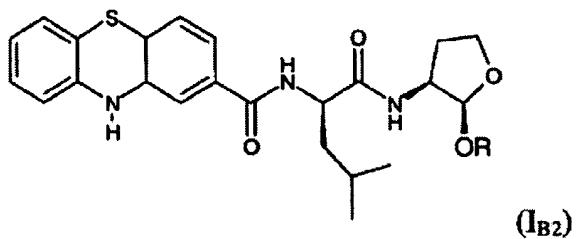
9. (Currently Amended) Use according to The method of one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that wherein the compound derivative (I) has the formula



10. (Currently Amended) Use according to The method of claim 8 1, characterized in that wherein the compound derivative (I) has the formula



11. (Currently Amended) Use according to The method of claim 8 1, characterized in that wherein the compound derivative (I) has the formula



12. (Currently Amended) Use according to one of the preceding claims The method of claim 1, characterized in that wherein the derivative (I) is administered in a pre-treatment.

13. (Currently Amended) Use according to The method one of claims 1 to 11, characterized in that wherein the derivative (I) is administered in a post-treatment.

14. (Currently Amended) Use according to one of the preceding claims, The method of claim 1 wherein the derivative is administered for the preparation of a medicament intended to prevent and/or treat hearing loss following the administration of a medicament.

15. (Currently Amended) Use according to The method of claim 14, following the administration of another wherein the medicament chosen from, includes anti-cancer drugs, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents, diuretics, antiulceratives, anticonvulsant agents, or combinations thereof.

16. (Currently Amended) Use according to The method of claim 15 14, following the administration of wherein the medicament is an antibiotic.

17. (Currently Amended) Use according to The method of claim 16, characterized in that wherein the antibiotic is gentamicin.

18. (Currently Amended) Use according to The method one of claims 1 to 13, wherein said method for the preparation of a medicament intended to prevents and/or treats hearing loss following presbycusis.

19. (Currently Amended) Use according to The method one of claims 1 to 13, wherein said method for the preparation of a medicament intended to prevents and/or treats hearing loss following an acoustic traumatism.

20. (Currently Amended) Use according to The method of claim 19, characterized in that wherein the compound (I) is administered in the 7 hours and preferably in the hour following the acoustic traumatism.

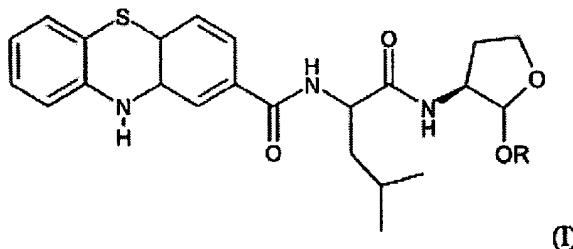
21. (Currently Amended) Use according to one of the preceding claims, The method of claim 1 characterized in that wherein the compound derivative (I) is combined with at least one other substance with pharmaceutical activity.

22. (Currently Amended) Use according to one of the preceding claims, Use according to The method of claim 1, characterized in that wherein the compound (I) is combined administered in combination with at least one other substance with pharmaceutical activity which is able to prevent and/or treat hearing loss or to prevent and/or treat any pathologies associated with hearing loss.

23. (Currently Amended) Use according to The method of one of claims 21 to or 22, characterized in that wherein the other substance with pharmaceutical activity is chosen from includes: antioxidants, calpain inhibitors, peripheral vasodilators, agonists or antagonists of the NMDA receptor, and peptide inhibitors of c-Jun N-terminal kinase or combinations thereof.

24. (Currently Amended) Product A product comprising

(A) a heterocyclic derivative of formula (I): as defined in one of claims 1 to 11,



diastereoisomers of derivative (I), or combinations thereof,

wherein R is a hydrogen atom, a (C₁-C₆) alkyl, aryl alkyl or -C(O)R' radical

wherein R' is a heterocycloalkyl, (C₁-C₆) alkyl, aryl or aralkyl radical;

the alkyl, aryl or heterocycloalkyl radicals being optionally substituted by one or more identical or different substituents including: (C₁-C₆) alkyl, hydroxy, (C₁-C₆) alkoxy, nitro, cyano, halogen or -NR₁R₂;

R₁ and R₂ are independently, a hydrogen atom or an (C₁-C₆)alkyl radical, or R₁ and R₂ form together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached an optionally substituted heterocycle;
and

(B) at least one substance with therapeutic activity, as a combination product for a use which is simultaneous, separate or spread over time in order to prevent and/or treat hearing loss.

25. (Currently Amended) The method Product according to claim 1 24, wherein said method to prevents and/or treats hearing loss following the administration of a medicament.

26. (Currently Amended) The method Product according to claim 25, wherein said method to prevents and/or treats hearing loss following the administration of an antibiotic, and preferably gentamicin.

27. (Currently Amended) The method Product according to claim 1 24, wherein said method to prevents and/or treats hearing loss following presbycusis.

28. (Currently Amended) The method Product according to claim 1 24, wherein said method to prevents and/or treats hearing loss following an acoustic traumatism.

29. (Currently Amended) As-a medicament, comprising the a product as defined in ~~one of~~ claims 24 to-28.

30. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the derivative (I) is administered in the hour following the acoustic traumatism.

31. (New) The product of claim 24, wherein said product is in a form suitable for administration simultaneously, separately or spread over time in order to prevent and/or treat hearing loss.

32. (New) The method according to claim 26, wherein the antibiotic is gentamicin.